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MAIL STOP AMENDMENT		
Group Art Unit: 3763		
Examiner: LAURA A. BOUCHELLE		
Confirmation No.: 7869		

#### AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application. A Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed. Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the 
\$\sum \$65 \sum \$130 fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are enclosed. Also enclosed is/are: Small entity status is hereby claimed. Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the \$\square\$ \$ 395 \$\square\$ \$ 790 fee due under 37 C.F.R. \ 1.17(e). Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above. П Applicant(s) previously submitted continued examination is requested. П Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least , which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE. in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed. A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.

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Independent Claims		3	3	0	x \$ 200 (1201)		
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Total Claim Amendment Fee \$						\$	
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	The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.						
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## **AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 23, 2006, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.